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State Representative Kim Brimer

Dist. 96

Born March 5, 1945, Houston, Texas

Eldest of two children, only son

Scholarship, Houston Museum of Fine Art 1958

Graduated 1963, Westbury High School, Houston, Texas

Athletic scholarship to the University of Houston

Earned Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Stephen F. Austin State University, 1967

Married the former Janna Kay Patton, a farm and ranch realtor

Together, the Brimer's have five children - 4 girls and 1 boy, and 5 grandchildren

Established American Insurance Agency, Inc. in 1976.

Honorable Discharge, January 1975, Texas Air National Guard

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

Appointed to Brazos River Authority in 1987, by former Governor Bill Clements

1988 - won a 4 person primary without a runoff. Won the general election with 53% .

Has run unopposed for his fourth, fifth, and sixth terms in the Texas House

CIVIC & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Past Director, Brazos River Authority

Paul Harris Fellow Award, Rotary International

Past President, Independent Insurance Agents of Tarrant County

Past Director, First United Bank of Southwest Arlington

Past Director, Arlington West Rotary Club (Charter Member)

Past Board Member, Tarrant County Convention Center

Past Director, Texas Chapter of Certified Insurance Counselors

Past Regional Vice President, Insurance Men and Women's PAC

Tarrant County Commissioner's Court Task Force 2000

Past President, Southwest Republican Club of Ft. Worth

Past Officer, Arlington Republican Club

Past Chairman, Administrative Board United Methodist Church of the Covenant

Alumnus of the Year, 1982-1983, Phi Delta Theta National Fraternity, Texas
Eta Chapter, Stephen F. Austin State University

COMMITTEES

76th Regular Session

Chair, Business & Industry Committee

Chair, Research & Oversight Council on Workers' Compensation

Calendars Committee

State Affairs Committee

Workforce Development Legislative Oversight Committee

Energy Council

NCSL Committee on Commerce and Communication

75th Regular Session

Chair, Business & Industry Committee

Chair, Research & Oversight Council on Workers' Compensation

Calendars Committee

Select Committee on Revenue & Public Education Funding

Workforce Development Legislative Oversight Committee

Energy Council

American Legislative Exchange Council Commerce & Economic Development
Task Force

74th Regular Session

Chair, Business & Industry Committee

Chair, Legislative Oversight Committee on Workers' Compensation

Vice Chair, Research and Oversight Council on Workers' Compensation

Calendars Committee

Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee

Workforce Development Legislative Oversight Committee

Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee of the National
Conference of State Legislatures

73rd Regular Session

Chair, Business & Industry Committee

Legislative Oversight Committee on Workers' Compensation

Calendars Committee

Insurance Committee

72nd Regular Session

Chair, Local and Consent Calendars

Business & Commerce Committee - Budget & Oversight Subcommittee

Insurance Committee

HONORS

1999 Legislative Hall of Fame - Texas Association of Realtors

76th Session Legislative Honor Roll - Texas Association of Builders

75th Legislative Crime Fighter of the Year - Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas

75th Session Legislative Honor Roll - Texas Association of Builders

1997 Legislator of the Year - Texas Young Republican Federation

1995 Friend of Business Award - Texas Chamber of Commerce

1995 Certificate of Appreciation - Texas Water Conservation Association

1994 Friend of Business Award - Texas Chamber of Commerce

1992 Legislative Leadership Award - Texas Chamber of Commerce

Gibson D. Lewis Award for Excellence in Cancer Control - Texas Cancer Council 1989 and 1991

Statesman Award - Texas Eagle Forum

Commendation - Texas Association of Business

Distinguished Service Award - Texas Chamber of Commerce

Honor Roll - Young Conservatives of Texas

Free Government Award - Tarrant County Pachyderm Club

OVERHEARD

"Rep. Kim Brimer, through his Sports and Community Facilities Bill, has done just what we want state lawmakers to do. He has empowered the people. Instead of the state substituting its judgement for that of local residents and taxpayers, this new law lets us describe for ourselves what is in our best interest." - Arlington Star-Telegram 06/97

"State Rep. Kim Brimer, is taking the heat for applying what appears to be the final killing blow to a state arena-financing bill...he deserves a 'Well done!' He represented his constituency." -Fort Worth Star Telegram 5/26/95

"Brimer primed for leadership...is known for his congenial manner and down-to-business style." -Fort Worth Star Telegram 01/06/95

"Elected in 1988, Brimer is recognized as one of the most effective members in Austin. He knows the rules and how to use the legislative process to get things done...He is a leader and a hard worker and would be a strong Speaker should he be elected." - Harvey Kromberg, Editor, Quorum Report

"Brimer is a throwback to the days when legislators didn't pander to political correctness. He speaks with impunity. The barrel-chested, white plumed, drawling, hard-nosed, Cuban cigar-chomping Brimer resembles a character of a Shoe comic strip." - John Williams, Houston Chronicle

"As Kim Brimer basks in the success of his arena bill, he sets his sights higher and continues with his passion of working for his constituents as Arlington's white knight." - Ft. Worth Star Telegram - 08/24/97

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

After running unopposed and being elected to his sixth term in the Texas House, State Representative Kenneth "Kim" Brimer has had a leadership gavel awarded by the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives for each of the terms he has served in the Legislature.

During the 76th Regular Session, Representative Brimer authored and passed legislation to allow a community to hold a referendum authorizing only restaurants to serve mixed beverages, allowing optometrists to treat the debilitating disease Glaucoma in collaboration with ophthalmologists, adjusting the insurance premium tax to generate \$22 million from out-of-state insurance companies, and allowing the voters of Texas to increase the definition of a urban homestead to 10 acres. Rep. Brimer also created courts of record and magistrates for communities in District 96.

Representative Brimer was also a House leader in the passage of the electric utility restructuring and telecommunication deregulation legislation in the 76th Session.

During the 75th Regular Session, Representative Brimer authored and passed House Bill 92, the Sports & Community Venue Financing Bill. This bill is the largest economic development package ever given to cities and counties in this state.

He also sponsored Senate Bill 35, the "Zero Tolerance" legislation that would strip minors of their driver's license if they are caught drinking and driving.

During the 74th Regular Session of the Legislature, as Chairman of the House Business and Industry Committee, he authored and passed legislation to extend the life of the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission and the Texas Workers' Compensation Insurance Fund. He also carried and passed legislation to consolidate the Texas Workers' Compensation Research Center and the Legislative Oversight Committee on Workers' Compensation into a single body making a more efficient and cost worthy council.

At the end of the 74th Regular Session, Texas Business Magazine named Representative Brimer as "a friend of business" for all his work during the 74th Regular Session. Though another liberal publication referred to the Representative's efforts against their causes as "ruthless," Representative Brimer took that as an honor.

Representative Brimer, who first ran for office as a small businessman tired of over burdensome government regulation, is dedicated to small business enhancement as well as producing a viable economic opportunity for a successful business climate in Texas.

With the growing increase in gang and criminal activities, Representative Brimer also authored and passed legislation to allow law enforcement agencies to share juvenile and gang activity information.

The Representative has also passed legislation to build the Texas Peace Officers Memorial on the grounds of the Texas Capitol and, in the 76th Session, passed legislation preventing information about officers' families from being released under the Public Information Act.

Representative Brimer is a strong proponent for Texas business and Texas workers, and believes that economic success of Texas includes creating better jobs, better employment opportunities, cracking down on criminals, and allowing the free market system of our economy to take root and thrive for our children and grandchildren's future.

